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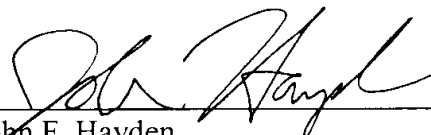
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed April 18, 2002, applicant elects the invention of Group II, Claims 9-39, drawn to a method. The election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to prosecute the claims of non-elected Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a device.

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Respectfully submitted,

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